



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

<i>In re</i> Application of	)	
	)	Group Art Unit: 3728
Tobie D. Hatfield, et al.	)	
	)	Examiner: TBD
Serial No. 10/681,321	)	
	)	Docket No. 005127.00234
Filed: October 9, 2003	)	
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For: ARTICLE OF FOOTWEAR WITH A	)	
STRETCHABLE UPPER AND AN	)	
ARTICULATED SOLE STRUCTURE	)	

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313

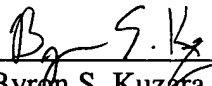
Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a), applicants submit the documents cited on the attached PTO-1449 form and respectfully request that the Examiner consider these documents. Only the foreign references are attached hereto.

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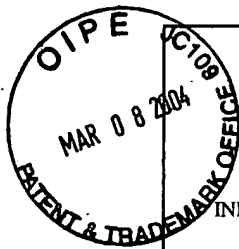
Applicants respectfully request that the documents cited on the attached PTO-1449 form be made officially of record, and that a listing of the documents appear on the face of any patent that may issue from this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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